18. (Twice Amended)   A method for sharing graphics device interface (GDI)/font resource data between multiple instances of single document interface applications (SDI), said method comprising:

obtaining a single shared copy of the GDI/font resource data, the single shared copy being configured to allow sharing by the multiple instances of SDI applications;

receiving font data process requests from the SDI applications;

processing the font data requests using the shared copy of the GDI/font resource data; and

communicating the processed font data to the SDI applications.

33. (Twice Amended)   A cross-process resource sharing system, said system comprising:

a central data store containing shared resource data, the shared resource data configured to be shared by multiple client applications;

a central data server for maintaining and managing the shared resource data and for establishing a communications link between said central data store and any of the multiple client applications, wherein said central data store is adapted to communicate at least a portion of the shared resource data to any of the multiple client applications over the communications link in response to resource data requests from any of the requesting multiple client applications; and

an update communications server connected to said central data server, said update communications server being further connected to a resource source to provide a communications link between said central data server and the resource source in order to acquire and process resource data from the resource source.

38. (Twice Amended)   A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

obtaining a single shared copy of resource data from a source of resource data, the single shared copy configured to allowing sharing of resource data by multiple client applications;

receiving data process requests from any of multiple client applications;

processing the resource data requests by sharing the single shared copy of the resource data with any one of the multiple client applications making a request for resource data; and

communicating the processed resource data to the requesting application.